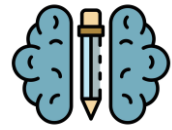




# #TalkingReadingLearning

Sharing our learning with you!



EDITION 2:

ORACY

DO YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP THEIR SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS? THEN ORACY IS A KEY SKILL.

## What is oracy?

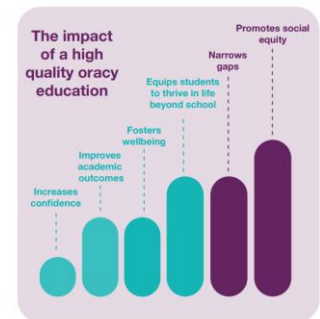
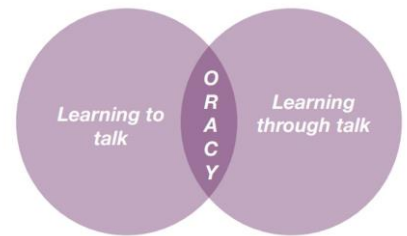
Oracy is described as the ability to communicate effectively using spoken language. Having good oracy skills means children are able to describe what they mean, helps them to understand what others are saying and helps them to have better conversations with others.

## Why does it matter?

When children are able to engage in conversations with others it can help them to develop their learning and help them to make progress across the curriculum. Oracy skills also help your child to become more confident and will help them later in life to thrive beyond the classroom when they move into employment.

## Who does Oracy help?

The best thing is oracy is for everyone! We know that children's confidence and skills in oracy vary and our teaching activities will mean that all children are engaging in conversations in a range of areas: debates, presentations, in small groups, in pairs. will enable all children to make progress. Children will be supported and challenged to become confident and skilled speakers and listeners.



## How can you help?

Engage them in chat: talk to your child about a wide range of subjects and ask them to explain their thoughts and feelings about these things. It could be the news, games, books, films, foods – anything that gets them talking.

Discuss new words and new experiences together: when you experience something new together, it is a great idea to talk about it! Children will get so much from talking to you about what they've experienced or learned.



Play games: games like 'Would you rather...?' or role playing games (shops) are perfect to get your child talking!

Myth: Oracy is all about public speaking

Myth: Oracy is only for young children

Myth busted: Public speaking is part of oracy, but it's not the most important part. Children develop lots of skills including listening, critical thinking and summarising through oracy.

Myth busted: Developing oracy (communication) skills with younger children is important, but EVERYONE benefits from chatting, listening and thinking!

Consider these things:

- Does your child just give you one word answers?
- Are you making time to chat to your child?
- Can you spend time looking at new words and similar words together?
- Can you play some games together that will get everyone talking?